

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Patent Office for the careful attention accorded this application and respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the Amendment above and remarks set forth below.

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2002, and the restriction requirement set forth therein, Applicant has canceled claims 5-12 and 39-43 without prejudice or disclaimer, and chosen Invention A, comprising claims 1-4 and 13-38, directed to an internet-based information system comprising an IP-based network connected to the infrastructure of the Internet by way of an IP-based router. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation applications based on the canceled claims.

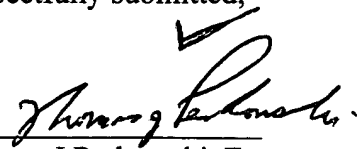
Applicants have also amended claims 13-38 in order to correct an error in numbering and to avoid any basis for rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

In view, therefore, of the Amendment and Remarks set forth above, the present invention defined by newly-amended Claims 1-4 and 13-38 is firmly believed to be neither anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art, and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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